

MINE BOSS FLAHERTY MURDERED IN SHOCKINGLY COLD BLOODED MANNER

Body Riddled With Bullets from Revolver in Unknown Hands at a Christening Dance at Home of George Shycoski—Five Men Arrested.

Murder is Believed to Have Been Prompted by Desire of Discharged Miner for Vengeance—Mystery Surrounds the Killing—Coroner's Jury Investigates the Affair.

One of the most horrible murders, and evidently cold-blooded, within recent history of the county, took place in the Pinnicknick suburb Saturday night and Frank Flaherty, the mine boss there, was the victim of the assassin's several bullets.

Saturday was pay day at the Clarksburg Fuel Company's Pinnicknick mine No. 1, at which Flaherty was the mine boss. The foreign miners were paid as usual and it was arranged to celebrate that night by having a christening dance at the home of George Shycoski, one of the foreigners. The mine boss was invited to attend and he spent about an hour and a half at the dance as a spectator and played the fiddle for them awhile. At 11:20 o'clock he prepared to go home and stood in the door of the room leaning against the door jamb taking a last look at the dance, when he was shot down. An unknown party had approached him from the rear and shot him with a 32-caliber revolver. Five shots were fired in quick succession. Flaherty staggered into the room with his hand on his stomach, then turned, reeled and fell out of the front door onto the porch, face downward.

Officials of the company were notified at once. They went to the scene hurriedly, took charge of the body, had it sent to the Clifford-Orsborne undertaking establishment and began an immediate investigation, with the result that Joe Frazier, a Hungarian, and Charles Reich, a Bohemian, were arrested and jailed, pending the coroner's inquest. The arrests occurred about 3 o'clock Sunday morning.

Coroner W. P. Camp immediately assumed charge of the investigation and summoned a jury for 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon, consisting of R. T. Lowmles, Jr., Will H. Cole, Oliver P. Bougner, J. Horner Davis, Michael McAndrew and W. C. Morrison. The jury viewed the body carefully and the investigation was then adjourned until 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

An examination of the body showed that Flaherty had been shot five times. Two balls entered the back and came out at the shoulders. Another entered the left side toward the back and came out also at the shoulder. Another entered just below the left shoulder blade and penetrated to the right nipple, and the other ball entered the right side at the shoulder blade. This bullet appears to have lodged in the body.

The murderer was so near the victim that two powder burnt spots larger than a silver dollar were made on the back of his coat. The garment itself was literally riddled with bullets, the same as the body.

Flaherty's face was also badly scratched and bruised, but that is believed to have been the result of his falling against the edge of the timbers on the porch as well as the frozen ground, the porch being very low.

Both men who were arrested were put in the "sawest box" Sunday afternoon, with John Leider as interpreter. Reich admitted to having been around the house where the murder occurred, but stated that he was very drunk and did not see the shooting. He claimed to know nothing about it. Frazier also denied all knowledge of the murder, although he confessed to being in front of the house once during the evening. It was charged that he stole a keg of beer from the place and he confessed to this.

One of the main reasons for the Hungarian's arrest was the information that he had gone to the front door three or four times and looked in. Another reason was that he was discharged by Flaherty in November, after which he made threats to "fix the boss."

It appears that Frazier, after leaving Pinnicknick, went to Lynch and worked there a while and then to Hutchinson, where he was still employed. He came to the city Saturday and was stopping with Louie Bradash, just across the street from the place where the dance took place. Reich and another

foreigner, who has disappeared, remained there the early part of the evening, but at 10 o'clock Frazier left. He declined to permit the others to accompany him. Bradash and wife did not attend the dance, but retired as usual. They heard the shooting but thought nothing of it. About 12 o'clock Frazier returned to their home, but entered the back door. He had nothing to say and acted rather suspiciously. When he went out of the room first he remarked that he was going out to see a fellow, but he mentioned no name.

The foreigners, with few exceptions, had good feeling toward the mine boss and the circumstances, so far learned, do not show that he engaged in a quarrel with any one at the dance. While the twenty or thirty persons participating in the dance had beer and wine and were drinking some, Flaherty declined to drink but finally took a very small glass of wine.

There are other beliefs as to the circumstances and a clue or two have been obtained, which may open up an entirely different line of investigation. It may even yet be shown that he was murdered in the room where the dance occurred and the body thrown out. There are others suspected, as well as those under arrest, and other arrests may shortly be made.

At 3 o'clock Monday afternoon the coroner's inquest was resumed in his office in the basement of the court house but was continued until 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Flaherty was 40 years of age. He

DREAMED OF BURGLAR AND FOUND ONE

BURLY NEGRO DISCOVERED ON ALL FOURS CRAWLING AROUND IN THE RENSHAW HOME.

Discovery Made Through Mrs. Renshaw's Dream—Asked Husband to Investigate and He Found Burglar in the House, Bent on Robbery.

There are many who do not believe in dreams, but even in olden times there were some who did and went to the trouble to have them interpreted. In these days one scarcely ever expects a dream to come true, although there have been instances that established beyond a doubt that they are a better medium than the fortune teller in revealing the future.

But, however much some may have no faith in dreams, Mr. and Mrs. Renshaw are of a decidedly different opinion, as it has been forcibly demonstrated to them that there is something in dreams. They were impressed with the fact after the hour of midnight Saturday. Mrs. Renshaw's slumbers were disturbed by a dream that alarmed her very much, when she awoke. She dreamt there was a burglar in the house, then awoke and found the baby crying. She arose and quieted the little one, returned to bed and dreamt again there was a burglar crawling around the house, a negro she thought. She awakened and told her husband about it. He tried to pass it off as an annoying dream, but she insisted that he should search the house.

He proceeded to comply with her request but was scarcely out of bed before he saw a burly negro on all fours crawling around the room. As soon as the fellow saw himself discovered, he jumped up, ran to an open window, jumped out and made all speed to get away. Mr. Renshaw hastily got a gun and shot at the fellow a time or two but as far as known did not hit him.

The fellow gained egress to the house by hoisting one of the windows. It is supposed he was there for the purpose of robbery.

leaves a wife and nine children, of whom the oldest is not yet of age and the youngest in only two years old. One of the boys had a leg crushed off a few months ago in the mine. The sudden demise of her husband, leaves the widow in a helpless situation and the family have much sympathy. The surviving brothers are Patrick, Bernard and Michael, and the sister, Mrs. James Rogan.

The deceased was a quiet, peaceable, industrious citizen and had the esteem of all who knew him.

The funeral will be held at the Catholic church Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, and the interment will be at the Holy Cross cemetery.

SUSPECT ARRESTED

In Parkersburg and is Being Held As One Implicated in the Murder of Frank Flaherty.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 25. (Special)—Steven Sokole, a foreigner, aged 50 years, was arrested at the depot here at 10 o'clock to-day, suspected of being implicated in the murder of Frank Flaherty, at Clarksburg. He left Clarksburg on the early morning train and had a ticket for Kenova. Chief of Police W. S. Barr has telegraphed to the Clarksburg authorities and is awaiting instructions.

CAR BARN DESTROYED

By Associated Press.
Indianapolis, Jan. 25.—Fire destroyed the car barns of the Traction and Terminal Company here this morning burning twenty-six cars, at a loss of \$100,000.

BANKER EMBEZZLED

By Associated Press.
Nashua, N. Y., Jan. 25.—John P. Goggin, treasurer of the Nashua Trust Co., was arrested to-day, charged with the embezzlement of from \$80,000 to \$100,000 from the bank.

MASONS WILL MEET.

Herman Lodge, No. 6, A. F. & A. M., will meet in regular session in Masonic hall to-night at 7:30 o'clock. Things of importance to all members will be taken up at this meeting and the attendance of every member is solicited.

NEW RECTOR

Rev. James H. Plummer Delivers His First Sermon at Christ Church Sunday and Endears Himself to the Congregation.

Rev. James H. Plummer, the new rector of Christ Episcopal church delivered his first sermon to a large congregation Sunday morning. Regular services were conducted by him at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Plummer is a man of high intellectual attainments, sincere, genial and is possessed of an agreeable personality. He is a thoughtful and able speaker and he endeared himself to the member of the Christ Church congregation who are confident that he will advance the church work rapidly and successfully.

Rev. Plummer will move his family and household effects to the rectory adjoining the church as soon as it is repaired and made ready for occupancy. His family is in Washington, D. C., where he was assistant rector of an Episcopal church.

IMMENSE GORGE IS GROWING

By Associated Press.
Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 25.—The immense gorge of ice here is growing stronger. The flood at Bloomsburg, Catawissa and Eddy is still rising. Business is practically suspended.

Miss Lelia Lang, of Oral, was here on Saturday, going to Smithfield to visit an aunt.

DEATH SUMMONS

COMES TO C. ERNEST CARR AFTER LESS THAN A WEEK'S ILLNESS SUFFERING OF PNEUMONIA.

DECEASED WAS MEMBER OF PROMINENT FAMILY AND WAS WIDELY KNOWN.

Jovial, Courteous, Kind, He Enjoyed the Friendship of Many and His Demise Is Learned By Them With Deep Regret.

After only one week's illness, C. Ernest Carr died Sunday morning at seven o'clock of pneumonia. He was taken ill Monday prior to his death. His death came as a shock to his numerous friends, as it was not generally known that he was sick.

The deceased was a son of the late Dr. Joseph L. Carr, and therefore a member of one of the prominent and pioneer families of the county. He was born here March 14, 1859, and spent the greater part of his life here. He married Laura Davis, daughter of John A. Davis, deceased, and the wife and a 13-year old daughter survive him.

Mr. Carr was a gentleman of extraordinary intellect and was possessed of a gentlemanly qualities of a popular American. His nature was ever so jovial and that none knew him but to like him, and on that account he had a great host of friends. He had the ability to accomplish any work he undertook and was especially strong and magnetic in personality. He had a wide experience of the world, having done extensive traveling, and was therefore well versed on current matters, as well as well read. It was, indeed, a pleasure to converse with him, and there was scarcely any subject upon which he did not have an intelligent and profitable view. So in conversing in conversation and tender at heart was he, that his friends readily overlooked his shortcomings, if such he may be said to have had. As a matter of honest business methods he was ever implicitly trusted by those he was associated with and he commanded their highest respect.

Having traveled far and wide he was well known in many sections of the country and all are pained to hear of his demise. He will be long remembered for his genial way of life, his universal love for his fellowman and the good fellowship he held for every one.

The surviving members of the family besides the wife and daughter, are the aged mother, the brothers, Dr. Snitt Carr and M. M. Carr, both of this city; Joseph L. Carr, of Madras, California; and Homer S. Carr, of Moorefield; and sisters, Mrs. J. M. Carter, of this city and Mrs. J. G. Mason, of Murkirk, Md. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of his mother on East Main street, and the interment will be in the family burial lot in the Elk View cemetery.

CALLED

TO HER HEAVENLY REWARD BY THE DEATH ANGEL, WAS MISS FLORENCE WALDECK ON SUNDAY MORNING.

Estimable Young Lady Succumbs to Consumption at Her Home on Locust Street—Innumerable Friends Mourn Her Untimely Demise

After a lingering illness with consumption, Miss Florence M. Waldeck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. P. Waldeck, died at her home on Locust street Sunday morning at two o'clock. While her death was not altogether unexpected because of the disease to which she fell a victim, yet the news of her demise comes as a shock to her innumerable friends in this city.

The deceased was a lovable, amiable and popular young lady and her agreeable personality won her multitudes of friends. She was a devout Christian, being a member and a faithful worker of Goff M. E. church.

Besides a mother and father, she is survived by one brother and one sister, Miss Belle Waldeck and Clarence Waldeck.

The funeral will take place from the late residence on Locust street Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Interment will be made in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

By Associated Press.
Brazil, Ind., Jan. 25.—A conflagration is threatening the city to-day. The Calumet block has been destroyed and adjoining buildings are on fire with the water mains broken. A high wind carried the flames into the best part of the business district. Terre Haute has been asked for help.

The fire has been confined to the Knight block. The loss will reach \$50,000.

MAY BUY THE MILL

HERE OF THE JACKSON IRON AND TIN PLATE COMPANY AND OPERATE THEM.

CUMBERLAND IRON MANUFACTURERS INSPECT THE MILLS WITH THAT IN VIEW.

Special Receiver With Them Takes a Careful Inventory of the Plant—Purchase Will Be Made Under Bankrupt Sale.

Special Receiver Charles D. Elliott had several manufacturers here Monday showing them the Jackson Iron & Tin Plate Company's plant and other property with the end in view of their purchasing the mills for the purpose of operating them and not to dismantle them. These gentlemen are B. E. Schmal, H. E. Zellers, B. R. Barnes and M. H. Joy, of Cumberland, Md.

They own and operate the big iron mills at Cumberland, and if they buy the mills here they will operate them on an extensive scale. A careful inspection of the mills were made and an inventory taken to ascertain the worth of the property. They are favorably impressed with the location and will be bidders at the trustee's sale, provided the property is thrown into bankruptcy, the petition in which comes up for final hearing in Parkersburg before Judge Jackson on Tuesday.

MINERS IMPRISONED

In a Coal Mine as the Result of Explosion in the Shaft.

By Associated Press.
Pittsburg, Jan. 25.—An explosion this morning in a shaft at the Harwick Coal company mine, near Cheswick, Pa., has cut off the escape of from 150 to 180 miners. Three tipplemen are badly burned and one died on the way to the hospital.

None were rescued at noon, the shaft being filled with debris rendering escape impossible. Several hundred men are working to rescue the miners, who will be for lack of air unless reached soon.

THE OAK SALOON IS BURGLARIZED

SIDE DOOR PRIED OPEN AND CASH REGISTER RELIEVED OF ITS CONTENTS.

Considerable Money in Five and Ten Cent Pieces and Dollars Taken—The Burglar is Believed to Be Familiar With the House.

The Oak saloon, owned by Anthony L. Gaughan and located in the Reed building, on West Pike street, was burglarized at an early hour Sunday morning. The party who did it has not been definitely identified but one or two persons are strongly suspected and there may shortly be sufficient evidence to warrant their arrest and prosecution.

The burglary occurred about half past five o'clock, the one who remained on watch during the night having left only about half an hour before that. The side hall door was opened by means of the casing being pried off with a sharp instrument of some sort. The burglar then entered and went straight to the cash register. He found the key hanging by the side of the drawer and took it and opened the drawer. There was a lot of change in it, amounting to \$18 in all and consisting of five and ten cent pieces and dollars. The entire amount was taken. There was half a dollar in the other drawer but the burglar failed to find it.

The fellow was scarcely a professional as nothing else was disturbed, not even the two handsome revolvers that were in a drawer near by. No whiskey, cigars or other things so attractive to the average burglar were taken and that fact leads to the conclusion that it was not a professional. The indications are that it was some one familiar with the house.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT ARRIVES.
Ernest Hutton, of Fairmont, who succeeds Dallas Leonard, as superintendent of the local street car line of the Fairmont & Clarksburg Traction Company, arrived here Sunday and began his duties Monday morning.

KILLED BY TRAIN WHILE ASLEEP ON THE TRACK

VICTIM OF SMALL POX BURIED SATURDAY NIGHT

The remains of William Jeffries, the glass worker, who died at the home of Benjamin Lindsay, in Point Comfort, on Saturday from small pox, were buried during the night Saturday in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. The burial was under the direction of the county health officer and all the necessary precautions to prevent contagion were taken.

ELOPEMENT CAUSED BLAZE

Chinaman Runs Away With White Girl and is Married—Girl's Friends Angry and Fire Starts in His Laundry.

By Associated Press.
Maysville, Ky., Jan. 25.—Fire this morning in Hop Lee's laundry, burned a grocery store, shoe shop, restaurant and a row of business houses on Market street. It is thought the fire was incendiary, as Hop Lee on Saturday eloped with a white girl to West Union, Ohio, and was married. Her friends are angry.

ASSEMBLY CLUB ISSUES INVITATIONS

The following invitations have been issued:
The Assembly Club, of Clarksburg, W. Va., requests the pleasure of your company at The Waldo, Friday, Jan. 29th, at nine o'clock.
Board of Governors—John Carl Vance, president; Edward Rezin Davis, vice president; George Lee Duncan, treasurer; Dr. Waldo Percy Goff, Richard Tasker Lowmles, Jr., William Hay Lewis, Lynn Selwick Hornor, John William Davis, Harry Rankin Smith.

WILL BE COURT MARTIALED.

Constable U. C. Edgell left Sunday morning for Columbus, with Andrew G. Kemball, of Adamston, who deserted from the army at Columbus, November 15, and was arrested at Adamston Saturday. He will be tried by a general court martial, and may go to a federal penitentiary. He enlisted here October 23.

VERDICT SET ASIDE

IN THE CASE OF HERBERT DAVIS, CONVICTED OF EMBEZZLEMENT, AT THIS TERM

Defendant Released Under Bond of \$1,000—State Erred in Proving Ownership of Property—Other Court Notes.

In circuit court Monday morning the verdict of guilty rendered several days prior to that time against Herbert L. Davis, was set aside by Judge Mason and Davis gave bond of \$1,000 with H. H. Davis as surety. It appears that there was an error on the part of the prosecution in proving ownership of property. The Piedmont Candy Company, a co-partnership, was named but not the individual members of the concern as the law requires. In speaking of the setting aside of the verdict, the Judge said Davis had a right to be tried on a legal indictment. Davis, it will be remembered, is charged with collecting money for the Piedmont Candy Company, while he was a constable, and failing to turn it over to the company.

Judgment was rendered in the case of William Post and Porter Maxwell against David Bumgarner; also in the case of the Southern Pine Lumber Company against Davis & McGee.

An order of dismissal was entered in the case of C. W. Cottrill against S. A. Lanning.

SKIN GRAFTING OPERATION

Performed on Lumberman at Kessler Hospital Monday Morning—Wound Refused to Heal and It Had to Be Grafted With Skin.

A skin grafting operation was performed on William Anderson, an employee of a lumber camp on the West Virginia & Pittsburg branch of the B. & O. R. R., at the Kessler Hospital Monday morning. Some time ago Anderson met with an accident in the lumber camp. A heavy log rolled over on one of his legs making a bad wound which failed to heal up properly. It was necessary for the doctors at the hospital to cut some skin from another part of his body and graft it upon the face of the wound so it would heal properly. The indications at present are that the skin will grow upon the wound and heal it nicely.

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